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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

### GENETIC CONTROL OF FRUIT RIPENING

the specification of which

\_\_\_\_\_ is attached hereto

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on 8th September 1997 as PCT International Application Number  
e.g. PCT/GB97/02424 and was amended on 10th September 1998 (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

#### Priority Claimed

Number	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No
9618862.8	United Kingdom	10/09/1996	X	
9708366.1	United Kingdom	25/04/1997	X	

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT International Application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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